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Re: FY 2004/05 to 2005/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SCAG Highway and Transit  
FSTIP Amendment # 15

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2004/05 to 2004/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #15, as requested by your letter of September 9, 2005. This SCAG FTIP amendment includes TCSPPP and TEA funding for the Arroyo Seco Parkway.

We find SCAG's FTIP Amendment #15 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. California Department of Transportation assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e).

Although SCAG made a conformity determination on the amendment, FHWA has determined that changes made to the program by this amendment are consistent with 40CFR Section 9.126 and or Section 93.127. Therefore, projects in this amendment are considered exempt and need no further conformity determination. Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment #15. The SCAG FTIP Amendment #15 is approved and included into California's 2004/05-06/07 FSTIP, with the understanding the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

This approval is based on the California Department of Transportation's assurance the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.



If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Grace S. Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 or Mr. Ted Matley of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

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